Sinking of Wells in Perumbavur.

23. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state what arrangements have been made for the sinking of wells in Perumbavur and also when it will be possible for the Government to start work?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Proposals on the matter are under the consideration of the Government.

Bridge across the Periyar.

24. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the estimate for the proposed bridge across the Periyar at the Alwaye ferry has been submitted to the Government by the Chief Engineer, and, if so, when?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer reports that an estimate for the work is under preparation.

Putuppalli-Putusseri Road.

35. **MR. T. J. MATTHEW** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any amount out of the allotment made in the budget for 1101 for improving the Putupalli-Putusseri road was spent, and, if so, what sum; and

(*b*) whether they will direct the Public Works Department that the amount provided for in this year's budget be spent on this road this year?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes; Rs. 29.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer has instructions to spend the full allotment in the budget for the work during the current year itself.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): May I know what was the total allotment for 1101?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Rs. 500.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Why was it that such a small sum only was spent?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The estimate was sanctioned only towards the close of Edavam 1101. It was therefore not possible to do the whole of the work during the balance of that year.

Communal Representation in the State Service.

26. **MR. T. J. MATTHEW** (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): With reference to the answer given to my question No. 351, published at pages 980 and 981 of Vol. VIII of the Council Proceedings, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the explanations of all the officers concerned have been received;

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(*b*) whether the Government have scrutinised those explanations ; and

(*c*) what action has been taken in the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The majority of the explanations have been received.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Necessary instructions have been issued to the Heads of Departments concerned.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*) : May I know how many officers have still to submit their explanations?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I cannot say exactly the number of officers who have yet to submit their explanations. Most of them have already given their explanations. Only a few have not done so.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*) : Yes, that is the answer given here in the printed answers. It is stated here that the majority have submitted their explanations. May I know whether the Government have sent reminders to the others?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*) : Am I to understand that in spite of reminders they have not yet submitted their explanations?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Government will be getting the explanations shortly.

Drainage in Vaikam Town.

27. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*) : Are the Government aware that the drainage in the Vaikam town is in a very unsatisfactory condition?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The Government are aware that the drainage in the town is not as satisfactory as it should be.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*) : May I know whether the Sanitary Commissioner has reported about the insanitary condition of the drainage at Vaikam?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*) : May I know whether the Medical Officer at Vaikam has reported about it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : No ; the President of the Municipal Council, Vaikam, and the Chief Engineer have sent reports about it.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*) : May I know what action has been taken by the Government to improve the drainage system at Vaikam?

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